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SUBJ: VTR AMBASSADOR AND MRS BOWDLER

REF: USIA 7366

CAPE TOWN FOR: EMBASSY

1. POST DELIGHTED AT AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOWDLER'S CO-OPERATION IN AGREEING TO VTR INTERVIEW. WILL PLAN TO USE TAPES PRIOR THEIR ARRIVAL SOUTH AFRICA WITH AMERICAN AND NATIONAL STAFF AT EMBASSY PRETORIA AND CONSULATES GENERAL CAPE TOWN, JOHANNESBURG AND DURBAN, US WELL AS WITH SELECTED NEWS CORRESPONDENTS, SAG OFFICIALS, BLACK LEADERS AND ACADEMICIANS EACH POST. REQUEST THREE TAPES THIS USE.

2. FOR CONTENT SUGGEST THIRTY MINUTE INTERVIEW WITH FIRST HALF DEVOTED TO PERSONAL PROFILE OF BOTH AMBASSADOR AND MRS BOWDLER AND SECOND HALF CONCENTRATED ON AMBASSADOR BOWDLER RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FOCUSING ON U.S.G. SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY CONSIDERATIONS. FOLLOWING ARE POLICY ORIENTED QUESTIONS PROPOSED FOR AMBADDADOR'S CONSIDERATION:

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1. DOES YOUR APPOINTMENT TO PRETORIA SIGNAL ANY CHANGE IN

USG POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA?.

2. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT POLICY AT PRESENT PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO A) COMMUNICATION; B) ARMS EMBARGO AND C) INVESTMENT OF U.S. FIRMS?

3. COULD YOU COMMENT ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND THE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN AFRICA IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE BEARING THOSE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE ON USG POLICY?

4. DR. KISSINGER HAS RECENTLY BEEN QUOTED ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA TO THE EFFECT THAT " WE BELIEVE A SOLUTION SHOULD BE FOUND-- AND FOUND RAPIDLY AND PEACEFULLY". COULD THE AMBASSADOR INDICATE WHAT DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER ROLE THE USG SEES FOR ITSELF IN HELPING TO BRING ABOUT SUCH A SOLUTION?

5. HOW DOES THE AMBASSADOR VIEW FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA?.

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